Engineers:

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force	Coast Guard
2004	72	42	54	—
2005	95	70	52	03

The main reasons for the premature retirement/resignation are the supersession and compassionate circumstances.

Sophisticated Equipments to Defence Forces

†2768. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists in J and K are having Palm top information system;

(b) the reasons for not providing sophisticated information equipments so far to the Indian security agencies; and

(c) by when such equipments would be provided to defence forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) There have been two occasions in 2006 when Palm Tops have been recovered from infiltrating terrorists groups.

(b) and (c) The Central para military/State Police/defence forces fighting terrorism in J and K are suitably equipped. Equipping the forces to effectively fight terrorism is an ongoing and continuous process, which takes into account the changes in tactics and weapon/equipment profile of the terrorists.

Delay in BRO projects

2769. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge backlog from one of the projects undertaken by the Border Roads Organisation on account of delay ranging from one to 13 years in their completion causing cost over-runs;

(b) whether it would take 10 to 13 years to clear the backlog of road works and more than 20 years to clear the backlog of bridge works, going by the pace of execution over the last five years; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.